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REMARKS

1. Rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112

5 The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Antecedent Basis for "The Seating Platform Assembly"

Applicant appreciates Examiner's thorough review of the claims and realizes that the claims should have read "the seating SUPPORT assembly" instead of "the seating PLATFORM assembly." Claims 1, 9, and 15 are currently amended to correct this error.

Multiple Proximal & Distal Ends

Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, and 15 to distinctly identify each of the three sets of proximal and distal ends. The amended claims include a *retainer* proximal and distal end, a *structure* proximal and distal end, and a *post* proximal and distal end.

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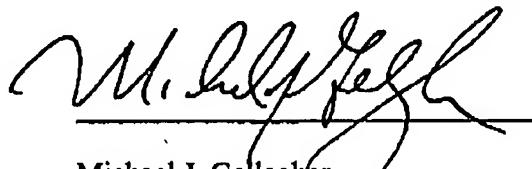
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowance of the claims at an early date and issuance is solicited. If any question should arise with respect to the above amendments and remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the 5 prosecution of this case, applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call at (614) 228-6280 ext. 17.

Respectfully submitted,

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